



World Youth Skill Day

Why in News

Every year, 15th July is observed as the **World Youth Skills Day**.

- It was designated by the [United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\)](#) in 2014.

Key Points

▪ About:

◦ Aim:

- To equip young people around the world with **essential skills for employment, work, and entrepreneurship**.
- To achieve the **Incheon Declaration: Education 2030**, “which devotes considerable attention to technical and vocational skills development, specifically regarding access to affordable quality **technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions.**”
 - This vision is fully captured by [Sustainable Development Goal-4](#), which aims to “**Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**”.
 - To eliminate **gender disparity**.

◦ Theme for 2021:

- ‘Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic’.

▪ State of Youth Employment and Schools during Covid-19:

- According to the estimates of [UNESCO](#), schools were **shut down for over 30 weeks in 50% of the countries** between **March 2020 and May 2021**.
- **Respondents to a survey of the TVET**, which was jointly collected by [UNESCO](#), the [ILO](#) and the [World Bank](#), revealed that **distance learning was the most common way of imparting skills**.
- Youth employment fell **8.7% last year**, compared with **3.7% for adults**.

▪ Announcement by India:

- The **Prime Minister** announced the **75 newly sanctioned [Jan Shikshan Sansthan \(JSSs\)](#) and also launched a portal** made specifically for **JSS**.
 - **JSSs** aim to provide **vocational training to non-literates, neo-literates as well as school dropouts in rural areas**, by identifying skills that might be relevant to the market of that region.
- Curriculum was launched of **57 new courses aligned with industry demand**.

Steps taken by India for Skilling Youth

- **Industrial Training Centres (ITIs):** Conceptualized in the year 1950, aims to expand and modernize the existing Long-Term Training ecosystem in India.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** Launched in 2015, it aims to provide free skill training avenues to youths of India.
 - **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:** It is launched 2021 in a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills by making over 300 skill courses available to them.
- **Recognition of Prior Learning:** It was launched in 2015 to **recognize the prior skills acquired by individuals.** It is one of the key components of **PMKVY.**
 - Under this an individual with a certain set of skills or with prior learning experience is assessed and certified under RPL with grade according to the **National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).**
- **National Career Service Project:** Launched in 2015 to offer **free online career skills training through its National Career Service (NCS) project** for job-seekers registered with it.
- **Skill Management and Accreditation of Training Centres (SMART):** It provides a **single window IT application** that focuses on the accreditation, grading, Affiliation and Continuous monitoring of the Training Centres (TC) in the skill ecosystem.
- **Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP):** Its focus is on **district-level skilling ecosystem** through convergence and coordination. It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** which is collaborated with the World Bank.
- **Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement:** STRIVE scheme is a **World Bank assisted-Government of India project** with the objective of improving the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through ITIs and apprenticeships.
- **Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan):** Launched in the year 2016, it aims at creating an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship development through Entrepreneurship education and training; Advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship support network and Promoting social enterprises for inclusive growth.
- **Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' (YUVA) scheme,** a mentorship programme to train young authors.
- **Kaushalacharya Awards:** Launched to recognize the contribution made by skill trainers and to motivate more trainers to join the Skill India Mission.
- **Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS):** The scheme is to **provide industry apprenticeship opportunities** to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).**
- **Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM):** Launched in 2020, it is a portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Special Initiatives for Tribal Community

- **'Going Online As Leaders' -GOAL** are helping tribal population with areas like art and culture, handicraft, textiles and digital literacy among tribal areas leading to entrepreneurship development among the tribal population.
- Similarly, **Van Dhan Yojna** is effectively connecting the tribal society with new opportunities.

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